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GOING, GOING, OH-OH- Homecoming candidate Tony Roney takes the plunge courtesy of an RSC student. Tony, and various members of the RSC community, were victims of the ASB dunk tank. The tank kicked off Homecoming Week 86.

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Homecoming: a splashing success

by Kristen Lange, Lynette Martinolich and John Overall
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The 1986 RSC Homecoming week started off Monday, Nov. 3, with a splash. Prince Tony Roney heckled would be dunkers by yelling, "You throw like a girl, you throw like a girl." Roney, the victim of the first dunk, was in fact dropped by a girl.

Several events followed in the uplifting of RSC spirit for the Homecoming week. Immediately after the dunking on Monday, a intense battle ensued on the softball field

pitching ASB against the faculty. Tuesday's activities included the judging for this year's Homecoming Queen and King. Crowning of the Homecoming Queen has been a long standing tradition starting in 1915.

1986 marks the beginning of a new tradition at RSC. For the first time in school's history, a king has been added to the court.

"Through a poll taken at RSC," said Valerie Pryer, student activities director, "it was decided to have a king, and it ties in with the theme."

This years' homecoming

theme is "Knights in Armor." "There has been more involvement and turn out this year," Kelly Ward, ASB vice president, said. Ward attributes this to the nomination of a king.

The week long festivities will generate funds for the ASB. Other campus entertainment included tricycle racing on Wednesday, and a lip sync contest on Thursday.

Today begins the highlighted activities for the week. The events begin at 11:50 a.m. with a barbecue and pep rally, followed by the football team presentation. The Homecoming

court will be announced at 12:15 p.m. today.

Tomorrow is game day as the RSC Dons battle the Citrus College Owls at 7:30 p.m. at Eddie West Field. All RSC students are encouraged to attend the tailgate party and pre-game festivities beginning at 6 p.m.

Halftime festivities will include the coronation and fireworks. Last years Queen, Cynthia Widney, will crown the 1986 Queen. ASB vice president Kelly Ward will present the new king with a crown and a plaque.

Capping off the Homecoming

Week the newly crowned king and queen will take the spotlight at the Homecoming Dance. The dance will be held on the second floor of the

Johnson Center, and begins at 9p.m. RSC students and their guest will be admitted with a current ASB card.

KYOU channel 26, the RSC and Santa Ana community television station, will cover the

game and halftime activities to be aired on Tuesday Nov., 11th at 7:30 p.m.

While national minority figures decline, RSC's increase

by Ruth McGinnis
el Don

A new report by the American Council on Education reveals that black and Hispanic college student enrollment is declining nationally, but RSC records show a different trend.

Minority enrollment on traditionally white campuses nationwide began to increase in the mid-1960's, peaked in the mid-1970's and has been declining ever since, according to Sarah Melendez, College Press Service.

RSC statistics show that Asian student enrollment increased by .20% from 1985 to 1986, Hispanic student enrollment jumped 4.95% for

that same period, while black student population dropped slightly by 1.6%. These figures are based on fall enrollment census, according to Irene Scroggins, secretary in the department of admissions and records.

Although minorities make up 21.3% of the total U.S. population, they make up only 17% of college enrollments nationwide. Explanations for this trend range from lack of financial aid to inferior elementary school preparation.

Ease of access and economic feasibility are reasons accounting for the reverse situation found at RSC. Freshman Sean Johnson selected RSC in response to

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Student increases cause class cuts

by Kelly Ward
el Don

Rancho Santiago College's class schedule for spring 1987 will offer 75 fewer classes than in the past. Ironically, the cut has not been caused by a decrease in students, but by an increase.

For the first time in several years, the total full-time enrollment has grown. The increase is relatively small, but the effect is not. Over four percent of the total classes offered currently will no longer be available.

George Osborn, interim vice president of academic affairs, explained, "The state of California sets a base for our annual daily attendance (ADA) and this fall we have exceeded that limit. This fall was a turnaround, we had an unexpected growth in attendance."

According to Osborn, RSC usually schedules 10 percent more classes than necessary to meet the ADA because the cancellation factor is usually around 10 percent. However, this fall the cancellation factor was under five percent and the college has more students than the state will pay for.

"More students will still be able to attend RSC in the spring," Osborn stated, "the only change will be the number of courses scheduled." The cuts will come in six areas, including Humanities, Physical Education and Fine and Performing Arts.

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Campus Update

FOREI-Students, support your favorite school employee at the 13th Annual Rancho Santiago College Veterans' Day Gold Tournament. The tourney is planned for Monday, November 10 at the Willowick Golf Course, 3017 W. Fifth St. in Santa Ana. The event is open to all school employees within the Rancho Santiago Community College District and their guests, and all the proceeds will go to benefit the RSC Scholarship Program.

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD-Older Adults Day is scheduled for Nov. 13 in room U201a-202 of the Johnson Center.

Sponsored by the New Horizons Senior Services Program, the event will include a speech by the celebrated 92 year-old mountain climber, Hulda Crooks.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration begins a 9a.m. and a special door prize will be given away. A buffet luncheon will be offered for \$2.50. For additional information, call the New Horizons Program at (714)667-3058.

THE PLAY'S THE THING-The RSC Theatre Arts Department will open its second major production of the season, "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum," in Philips Hall.

The show is a special piece of musical theatre, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, adapted from the book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbert.

"Forum" plays Nov. 14-16, and Nov. 20-23, starting at 8 p.m., except for Sunday matinee performances, which start at 2:30 p.m.

General Admission is \$5, \$4 for children 12. Group rates are available. For reservations and ticket information, call the box office at 667-3163.

IT IS THE SEASON FOR GIVING-ICC is collecting non-perishable food items to give to the needy in our community on Thanksgiving Day. They need your support! There are barrels in the cafeteria, library, Administration building and student activities. Collection will continue until Nov. 24.

IT ALL LEGAL-Applications for ASRSC Senate will be available in the Student Activities office Nov. 11-25. All students interested in running for senate must be carrying at least 7 units with a GPA of 2.0.

HOW SPIRITED ARE YOU?-The RSC Pep Squad is accepting applications for the basketball cheer squad. Pep Squad clinics will be held Nov. 12 and Nov. 13 from 6-8 p.m., tryouts will be Nov. 18 at 7p.m., for more information contact Leslie James in Community Services at 667-3097.

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Exceeding your ADA may cause a decrease in the number of classes offered, but Osborn stated, "It is better to be over your base than not to make your base. Our goal is to

overshoot ADA."

Osborn also made it clear that the cutbacks may not be permanent. "Because of the increase in the enrollment, we can tell the state that we need a

higher number of ADA. Typically we receive a 1.9 percent increase applied to the base (number of students) every year."

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college representatives visiting his high school. "Career opportunities here on the West Coast are greater and they act as an incentive for going to college," Johnson said.

Twenty-eight year old returning college student, Cathy Shores, says she is studying at RSC because, "being a single parent on welfare, I am always asked a lot of hard questions and am made to feel bad. I want to be the one to ask the questions."

Shores would like to develop a career in social work and eventually become a child

psychologist.

RSC has always maintained an active recruitment program. "Our goal at this institution is to enroll as many under-represented students as possible," according to David Guzman, dean of counseling and guidance at RSC. "We work closely with the EOPS people in our Early Decision Program, Application Workshops and follow-up efforts," said Guzman.

In Santa Ana, the ethnic minority is the majority. This is one of the reasons, in addition to recruitment, that the RSC

ethnically under-represented student population continues to grow.

"The junior college system is the Salvation Army of learning," said Guzman. Because it is state-supported, RSC can offer quality education at a low tuition. This makes the college attractive to those seeking vocational education and transfer credits as well as personal enrichment.

The key to increasing the numbers of under-represented students at RSC is a careful follow-up program, in Guzman's estimation.

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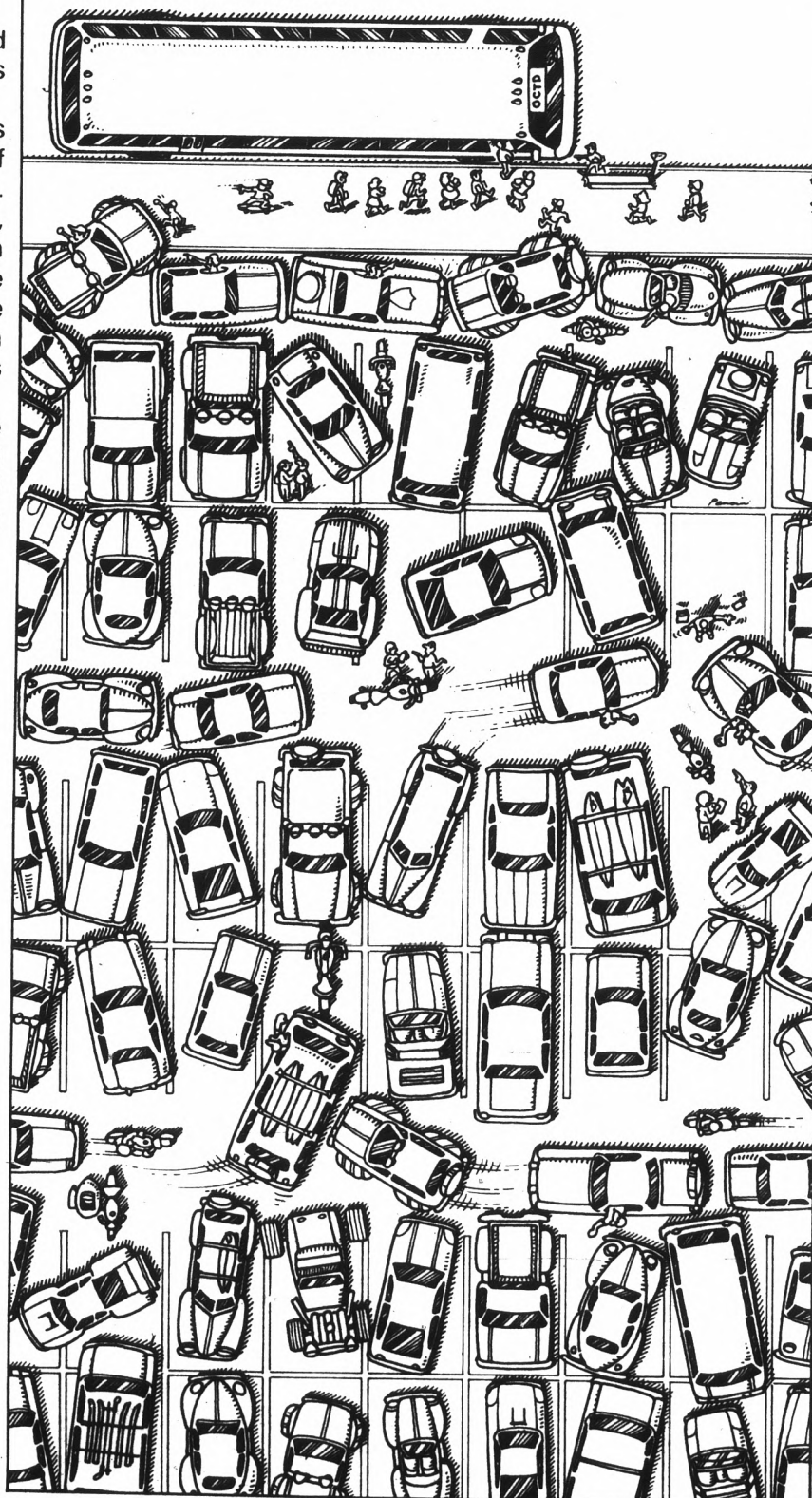
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by Ron D'Avis
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A good friend passed away last week. I watched it grow from the beginning, and I was with it to the very end. The end came on a Monday night in New York City just days before it would become seven months old.

It had led a good life, but when Marty Barrett struck out in the top of the ninth during the seventh game of the World Series, the 1986 Major League Baseball season breathed its last.

The four divisional winners were teams who hadn't been playing fall baseball lately. The Mets, who had their division clinched by Easter, were last in the Series when Nixon was still considered honest. The decade had just begun when Houston last saw any post season action. The Series was just a rumor to them.

California had won their division in '79 and again in '82. No Series appearances. The Red Sox last came out on top in their division America had just pulled out of Viet Nam completely. That same year they were seen in the Series, losing a tough seven game series to the Reds.

Both championship series were old time classics. The Mets outlasted the Astros in six games and the Red Sox beat the Angels in seven tough games. Or should I say the Angels beat the Angels?

So it came down to the teams with the two best records vying for the title of World Champion.

Before we look at the end of the season, let's look at the body of the season itself. There were a number of fine performances. Mike Schmidt had an MVP type year. It was nice to see Schmidt back in form after a few off seasons.

Better dead than Red Sox

Wade Boggs continued to mystify American League pitchers. He won his third league batting title in his five year career. Yet I'll always remember Boggs as he sat on the Dead Sox bench after the final World Series game, crying uncontrollably.

In terms of pitching, the season belonged to a 24 year old righthander from Texas. Roger Clemens had a great career this season. Clemens set a major league record by striking out 20 Seattle Mariners in one game.

Come to think of it, that wasn't such a great accomplishment when you see this line just added to the baseball record books: Most times striking out in one season, one team - Seattle, 1986, 1,238 strikeouts.

This season was particularly enjoyable for me. Being a lifelong San Francisco Giants fan I was pleased when they finally finished higher than the hated Dodgers.

The Angels downfall in the playoffs was too much to take, though. They were so close, again. I especially felt bad for Gene Mauch, who has managed for 25 years without ever knowing what it's like to be in the World Series.

So after about 2,106 regular season games, give or take a few rainouts, it all came down to one game. The Mets won the championship, as they deserved to. They have had remarkable seasons for the past few years and nothing to show for it. Before this year.

So put away the bats and pack up the uniforms. The ball parks will be dark and empty. The cheers of the crowds will just be an echoing memory, for the long, dark winter months ahead.

But cheer up, baseball fans, spring training is only four months away. Look at it this way, the Angels magic number is only 162.

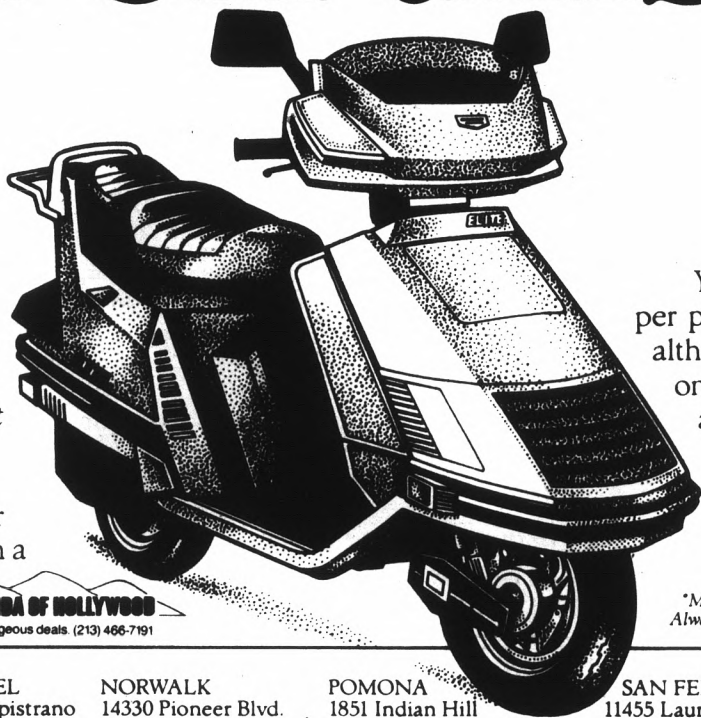
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